

Minutes of the Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Wednesday, November 19, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m.

Present: Judge Mac Davis (left at 9:24 a.m.), Peter Schuler, Sam Benedict, Marcia Jante, Dan Vrakas (arrived at 9:35 a.m.), Karl Held, Larry Nelson (arrived at 9:27 a.m.), Susan Dreyfus, Jim Dwyer, Brad Schimel (arrived at 8:53 a.m.), Rebecca Luczaj. **Absent:** Kathy Madden, Dan Trawicki, Paul Giesler.

Also Present: Mike Giese, Sara Carpenter, Clara Daniels, Judge Kathy Foster, Bonnie Morris, JoAnn Eiring.

Approve Minutes of September 24, 2008 Meeting

The minutes of September 24, 2008 were unanimously approved.

CJCC Committee/Subcommittee Chair Updates

Pre-Trial – JoAnn Eiring – WCS is trying to find a way to alert the public that the agency is available to help drivers get their licenses reinstated after they have been revoked. One of WCS's pilot programs involved asking police officers to handout WCS business cards with tickets. Another project involved securing earlier court dates through the District Attorney's office to obtain amendments for OARs.

WCS started using SCRAM for Pretrial clients on a voluntary basis. So far five clients have volunteered to use SCRAM allowing them to visit the WCS offices once every other week rather than every day. Clients are required to pay for SCRAM installation and daily fees. There have been no positive alerts with the current group of volunteers. The Pretrial Committee discussed aggravated versus non aggravated OWIs as related to the Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program and the streamlined process people would follow in order to get their licenses back.

Alcohol Treatment Court – Judge Kathryn Foster – The ATC Committee is updating the ATC participant manual. The group anticipates revamping the entire manual if legislators make significant changes to OWI laws. The committee agreed third time offenders who become fourth time offenders while waiting for their initial court dates are still eligible for the program. The committee is focused on evaluating the 54 graduates after they leave the program. The committee continues to discuss sanctions versus incentives.

Foster said Alcohol Treatment Court continues to have high retention rates. The original program was set up for 75 participants based on the national average. Because Waukesha County has a lower drop out rate than the national average, the caseload remains lower. The program has good compliance rates as evidenced by negative PBTs and urine screens. The program receives support from faith-based organizations and has good attendance at graduations.

Juvenile Justice – Sam Benedict – This committee has been dormant since spring but a meeting has been scheduled in December. At the December meeting, the committee will be introduced to the new juvenile judge, review statistics and caseload, reassess committee goals, etc. The committee typically meets a couple times a year as needed. He is open to discussion of whether or not the committee should continue. The committee tries to stay out of the day-to-day management of the Juvenile Court System. Process questions regarding operations and issues of the Juvenile Center are generally addressed at quarterly staff meetings.

Schimel arrived at 8:53 am.

Programs & Alternatives – Peter Schuler – Schuler said the Programs and Alternatives Committee last met in spring to review 2009 budget proposals. At the next meeting on December 17, the committee will have a presentation on biomarker technology and review program statistics. In January the group will make sure all

reports are completed and bring the statistical data back to the full CJCC. In 2009, the group plans to discuss ATC programming and domestic violence. They welcome other ideas and assignments.

Jante said UW-Extension was recently awarded a Drug Free Communities Grant after three years of work with Milwaukee to establish Waukesha County's Drug Free Coalition. The one-year grant, which is renewable for up to ten years, will work to reduce alcohol abuse among youth and young adults.

Public Relations & Education – Marcia Jante – Jante said the goal of the Public Relations and Education Committee is to provide CJCC information pieces such as brochures, newsletters and a website. Jante met with Carolyn Evenson before she retired to discuss a newsletter and website. She is looking for committee members and has set a target date of January 2009 to establish the group. Jante distributed a handout titled *Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Education and Public Relations Committee Goals & Initiatives*. Luczaj said five to six possible committee members have already been identified.

CJCC Executive Committee Membership Review/Approval

Davis said membership of the CJCC is outlined in the CJCC bylaws. Members of the CJCC Executive Committee are selected by the full CJCC. Davis would like the CJCC to discuss how to fill Carolyn Evenson's vacancy on the CJCC Executive Committee in January.

CJCC Programs Update

WCS Programs – Carpenter distributed 2007 year-end and 2008 current month reports. She indicated there is no current data available at this time.

Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program

WCS was alerted that the Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program will receive the same level of funding from the Department of Transportation in 2009 as received in 2008. Historically, funding goes down while expenses go up. WCS is working on four proposals for additional 2009 funding. WCS is seeking funds to purchase a risk and needs assessment tool to better classify OWI offenders allowing them access to the appropriate levels of supervision and services. WCS will be working with Dr. Marie Van Nostrum, developer of the Virginia Risk Assessment Tool, to develop the tool. The program is on target to surpass the number of clients supervised in 2007.

WCS started to use SCRAM on a voluntary basis for high risk clients who normally would have had to report to the office three to five times per week. SCRAM allows clients to have fewer office visits and WCS to manage more clients. Those volunteering to use SCRAM have to pay for two weeks of service and installation in advance. WCS is also using SCRAM as a sanction for those having difficulty complying with the program. WCS is asking judges to make the tool mandatory for all clients in this program.

WCS is having a holiday special on SCRAM, reducing the installation fee to \$25 and the daily rate to \$8 per day.

Alcohol Treatment Court

Carpenter said there are 51 active clients in ATC which is one over capacity. WCS may take in more clients for the program depending on what phases of the program clients are currently in. There are two non-active clients, three pending admission and four pending applicants. WCS recently changed their policy regarding SCRAM fees because they have approximately \$10K in outstanding balances for SCRAM fees from ATC clients who were discharged before paying their fees. Clients are now required to sign fee agreements, pay for two weeks of SCRAM in advance and make payments while they're in the program.

WCS is now managing the ATQdata base which had previously been managed by Waukesha County. The work is challenging. Staff will soon have to decide if they want to make changes to the current database or rewrite it. WCS IT staff is also working on developing monthly reports from the database.

Program evaluator, Matt Hiller, is evaluating and analyzing the program on site this week. He commented that WCS's records are some of the best he has ever seen. Luczaj said Hiller also said he was overwhelmed with the thoroughness and appropriateness of the interactions between caseworkers and clients and the overall quality of case management.

Davis left the meeting at 9:24 a.m.; Dwyer took over as committee chair.

Day Reporting Center

The Day Reporting Center is near capacity. Referrals from the Sheriff's Department and Huber have shorter lengths of stay while direct court referrals have longer lengths of stay. The case load is watched closely for fluctuations. The average length of stay is 38 days. The Center has successfully collected \$1,165 in Pretrial program fees.

Pretrial Services

Carpenter reported that Commissioner Binn says he values the risk assessment scores. In October 2008, Pretrial Services completed 221 reports. The program has experienced some staffing turnovers. The caseload is averaging 120 to 125 clients which allows staff to provide quality case management and do frequent drug tests. The program failure rate is only 7%.

Adult Community Service Options

The county eliminated the Juvenile Community Service Program which caused the loss of a full time WCS staff person that covered both the youth and adult programs. A part time staff person needs to be hired to cover the vacancy in the adult program.

Nelson arrived at 9:27 am.

Dreyfus asked is the cost of SCRAM reasonable enough so clients are not deterred from participating in the program? Schimel said having fewer clients report to the office daily allows case managers to handle larger case loads and more time to monitor clients. Carpenter said SCRAM saves participants time and money because they no longer need to travel to WCS several times per week. Participants don't like being charged another fee but they manage to come up with the money when they have to. The county doesn't subsidize the program.

Vrakas arrived at 9:35 am.

WIRED Employment Program Grant – Luczaj said the WIRED Grant program has had 57 intakes, 51 enrollments and six placements. The goal is to have 100 placements by the end of September 2009. Tony Dziedzic of the Kaiser Group will present more information on the program at the January Meeting.

Youth Diversion Program Update – Marcia Jante

Jante said the Youth Diversion Program was previously called Enlight until the director was arrested and the program dissolved. Jante talked to Schimel and he wanted to continue the program. During the past six to eight weeks her staff has been evaluating the program model and curriculum, performed a literature search, interviewed past participants and worked with UW-Extension specialists in Madison to develop a curriculum. The revised program will start in January 2009 focusing on first time, non-violent offenders ages 14 to 20 years of age. Most funding would come from participant fees but based on the program structure,

grants and donations may be available. Jante distributed and briefly reviewed a handout titled *Recommendations for Diversion Program in Waukesha County*.

2009 CJCC Budget Update

Carry-over of ATC Funding – Luczaj said the federal government will allow Waukesha County to carry over funding from the ATC grant through May 2009. Matt Hiller, the program evaluator, has agreed to continue evaluating the program through the end of May 2009. After May, Hiller could continue evaluating the program for free or the county would have to negotiate a new price. Hiller talked about partnering with Waukesha County on future research grants because he is impressed with Waukesha County's ATC program. His university wants to study the recidivism rate of ATC graduates.

Schimmel asked what kind of research grant does Hiller think we could get? Schuler said Hiller wasn't able to answer that because there are so many different grants available. Schuler thought perhaps the county could write for grants evaluating SCRAM testing, effect of SCRAM on participants, longer term monitoring of ATC graduates, etc.

Drug Court Enhancement Grant Status - Luczaj said Waukesha County applied for this grant in March and recently received notice we didn't get the grant. No specifics were given as to why Waukesha County didn't get the grant. There was a lot of competition for the grant. Schuler said he has a list of what organizations were awarded grants. Dwyer said we should review and learn from their programs to help us write a better grant proposal next time.

WI CJCC Coordinators Meeting Update

Schuler said he and Luczaj attended a CJCC Coordinators Meeting in Madison. Luczaj distributed a handout titled *CJCC Coordinators and Interested Parties*. The meeting was a great way for coordinators to talk about CJCC program challenges and initiatives across the state. The group would like to hold collaborative meetings quarterly and possibly via video conference to increase attendance. Schuler said it will be a challenge to bring system issues forward because we don't know what's out there.

Planning for WI Association of Treatment Court Professionals - Annual Conference, Waukesha-February 5 & 6, 2009

The WI Association of Treatment Court Professionals Annual Conference will be held February 5 and 6 at the Marriott Hotel – West in Waukesha. County Executive Vrakas will present the conference opening address. Conference attendees will come to the Waukesha County Courthouse to observe the Alcohol Treatment Court.

Review 2009 CJCC Meetings/Strategic Planning Dates

Luczaj distributed the 2009 CJCC meetings and strategic planning schedule. Strategic planning will take place on May 18th for either a half or whole day.

Next CJCC Meeting

- January 28, 2009 @ 8:30 am

MOTION: Held moved, Nelson second, to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried 10-0.